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C. H. Cooper

The Leading House of Astoria

TODAY'S WEATHER.

PORTLAND, April 28.—Washington, Oregon and Idaho, fair today, frosts in the early morning.

All contracts for advertising in the Astorian are made on a guarantee of circulation four times larger than that of any paper published or circulated in Clatsop county.

AROUND TOWN.

Pigs for sale at Gaston's stable.

H. F. Anderson of Eugene is in the city.

Jeff's is "the only" restaurant. White cooks.

Don't fail to see the Passion Play tonight.

W. E. Banker of Los Angeles is in Astoria.

H. S. McGowan, wife and child, are over from Chinook.

A. C. Ogden is over from Hoquiam on a business trip.

Best cup of coffee in the city at the Model restaurant.

Horses for sale at Gaston's stable on Fourteenth street.

T. W. B. London of Portland is in the city on business.

F. M. Branch of San Francisco is in Astoria on business.

F. A. Fisher is expected from Victoria, B. C., tonight.

Secure your seats at Griffin & Reed's for the Passion Play.

City Surveyor Tee is ill with a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Best 15-cent meal, Rising Sun Restaurant, 613 Commercial street.

Jeff's restaurant—the largest and best. A trial will convince you.

James W. Lusk of Omaha is in the city, registered at the Occident.

Dolph Lewis and Ben Mitchell of Portland were in the city yesterday.

Wanted.—To rent a centrally located furnished house. Address X, care Astoria.

Mrs. L. A. Lauson and Mrs. Isadore E. Rice of Portland are visiting in the city.

The Passion Play at the opera house tonight at 8 o'clock. Admission 50 and 25 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robb are in Astoria from Seattle, to remain here for some time.

D. B. English, deputy assessor at Long Beach, Pacific county, is a guest at the Parker house.

A small place at Clatsop for sale or rent. Suitable for chicken ranch. Apply to A. Tagg, Parlor Candy Store.

British Vice-Consul P. L. Cherry is recovering from a severe attack of neuralgia which has confined him to his home.

General produce, fish and commission store and employment agency. Old metal and rubber bought. 469 Duane street.

The Star Restaurant, 626 Commercial street, will open for business tomorrow, Sunday, morning. Meals 15 cents up.

Pears'

What a luxury Pears' soap is! The cheapest soap in all the world besides.

The British ship William Law was towed to sea yesterday morning with a cargo of grain for the United Kingdom.

The steamer Harrison left yesterday morning for Tillamook with a large cargo of freight and several passengers.

The "citizens" candidates will meet at the city hall this afternoon for the purpose of choosing a county central committee and formulating plans for the coming campaign.

Bids for the improvement of one block on Seventh street and two blocks on Commercial street will be opened by the street committee at the city hall this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Manager Sacy, of the local office of the Postal Telegraph Company, has been transferred to the company's office at Stockton, California. The Stockton office is the fifth largest in California.

Presbyterian church services as usual tomorrow. Theme of the morning sermon "The Sabbath a Sign." Evening theme, "The Portrait of the Master." A very cordial invitation extended to all.

Mr. John Kopp has recently commenced the operation of a complete and modern bottling establishment, where the well-known product of his brewery is bottled for the trade and consumers. Free delivery to customers in the city.

Schofield & Hauke are sole agents for the celebrated Blue Ribbon Flour. It is manufactured by Gardner Bros., Stayton, Oregon, and consumers are cautioned to notice that this name and address appear on every sack as it is understood that imitations are being offered in this city.

Tomorrow at the Congregational church Mr. Curran will conduct the services which closes his pastorate with this church. The sermon will be at 11 a. m. and again at 7:30 p. m. The pastor leaves for his new field in Alaska about the middle of May. All are most cordially invited to these concluding services.

Ensign and Mrs. Metterson, the present officer in charge of the Salvation Army work in Astoria, who have been trying their best in benefiting their fellow men for the past six months, and have labored under trying circumstances, especially for the last month on account of the sickness of Mrs. Ensign Metterson, will hold their farewell meetings on Sunday, April 29th, at 3:30 and 8 p. m.

An alarm of fire was turned in from the Clatsop mill last evening at 8 o'clock, a blaze having been discovered on the roof of the dry house. It was found that the fire originated from a spark coming from the smokestack of the main mill. In some manner a blaze also started at the base of the building but the fire was extinguished, before material damage had been done, by the mill's fire department.

The funeral of Henry Pennell, who died at his home in this city yesterday morning, will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock from St. Mary's Catholic church and the remains interred at Greenwood. Deceased was born in Belgium fifty years ago, and had resided in this city for more than four decades. A widow and three daughters survive him. Mr. Pennell was a member of Seaside lodge A. O. U. W.

Services at the Methodist church Sunday morning: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Subject of the pastor's morning sermon will be "That Ancient Law Not Abrogated." Prof. Robbins and wife will sing. They have sung in the leading churches of the United States. In the evening "A Ship Without a Pilot," a gospel service in song, will be given by Prof. Robbins and wife and daughter, each point being illustrated by the finest views in America. This service is taken from a ship that was sunk at the mouth of the Columbia that was sent out without a pilot. "The Ship Without a Pilot" has been given in the largest churches East.

Notice to property owners building residences and stores.—We now carry a complete line of mantles, grates and tiling, electric gas and combination chandeliers, and all supplies pertaining to electric and gas lighting. Photographs cheerfully sent on application. FRANK HOLCOMB & CO., 245 Washington St., Portland, Or.

BEST 15-CENT MEAL: RISING SUN RESTAURANT.

DANGER OF OCEAN WRECK.

It is stated that the Atlantic ocean contains many wrecked vessels which drift hither and thither, and as their positions change with the winds and tides, they are a constant menace to ocean traffic. Because of the great expense they are not destroyed until they have inflicted actual damage. How like this is the action of many persons, who wait until they are ill before treating such dangerous symptoms as indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, liver or kidney troubles. Don't allow them to menace your health. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will clear the system of all impurities, making the blood rich and the nerves strong. It cures all stomach disorders, and is an unequalled spring medicine. See that private revenue stamp covers the neck of the bottle.

Fish Commissioner Reed will leave early next week for a run up the Clackamas river. He will probably go from there to Washington county for the purpose of inspecting the dams and if he has the necessary time, Mr. Reed will visit the rivers in Eastern Oregon before returning to Astoria.

The state pilot schooner San Jose is nearly ready to go to sea to take the place of the Joseph Pulitzer, which is in need of renovation and repair. The Pulitzer will be placed on the dry-dock at some point on the coast and put in first-class trim. She has been in constant service for many months. The San Jose will probably leave out on Monday.

The tug Samson is expected in from San Francisco at any hour now with the lumber barge in tow. Upon her arrival here the Samson will leave the barge and proceed to Grays harbor for another tow. The barge will be taken to Fisher's landing, near Vancouver, by the Hercules, for a load of rock to be used on the jetty at Grays harbor.

A democrat calls the Astorian's attention to the fact that an injustice was done his party in the head lines of a dispatch in yesterday's paper accrediting Congressman Belden, who is charged with accepting a bribe from the Pneumatic Mail Tube Company, to the Tammany organization. It appears that M. Belden is or was a republican, and represented one of New York's interior congressional districts at the time of his alleged crooked relation to the mail tube company.

Sheriff Tom Linville shot one of the most beautiful fowls that swims the sea yesterday, namely, a deep-sea loon. The bird is somewhat smaller than a wild goose but is as graceful in shape and carriage, in life, as a swan. In plumage it is jet black with white polka dots on the back and wings, a jet black head, neck and tail feathers with a snow white breast. A more beautiful specimen of the feathered tribes would be hard to find than that secured by Mr. Linville. Knowing Joe Gribble to be a bird fancier, and a veritable "crank" on securing rare specimens, the sheriff made him a present of the loon. The bird was promptly sent to Portland to have it properly stuffed and mounted.

Those along the waterfront yesterday forenoon saw an interesting sight in the nature of a school of black fish, a species of the whale family, numbering about twenty, frolicking about in the bay opposite the city. They ran up to a point off the Astoria Iron Works where they reversed their course and proceeded back to sea, plunging and spouting until lost in the distance. The visitors created much consternation among the fishermen on the river, rushing dangerously near many of the boats and damaging several of the nets. Just why the school did not proceed to Portland after such a start cannot be imagined except, perhaps, they caught sight of the Oregonian's 40-foot channel or feared the risk of passing into the neighborhood of the Jim Crow sands.

DEATH OF J. W. HUMES.

Passes Away at His Residence at an Early Hour This Morning.

At an early hour this morning the report was received of the death of J. W. Hume at his residence in this city. He had been ill for a long time and his death was not unexpected.

The funeral will probably take place tomorrow.

SOLFILINE.

Solfiline! Solfiline! If you are sick and tired of rubbers, which protect your feet from wet or cold, and wish to save continual resoling of your shoes; if you wish to prolong the life of same at least fifty per cent. If you wish to save greasing your boots in your manufactory, go to Peterson & Brown, at Astoria, and try a case of Solfiline on your shoes and harness. Buy your shoes only of those who have that scientific remedy. Take no other.

Address, PETERSON & BROWN, General Agents, Astoria, Oregon.

It is hard for a man to support a seafaring wife on a muskrat salary.

A man should never be punished for bigamy. He suffers enough as it is.

It is Incontrovertible!

The Editor of the "Christian Million," under the heading of General Notes, on August 20, 1900, wrote:

"A good article will stand upon its own merits, and we may rely upon it that nothing will continue long which does not, in a more or less degree, harmonize with the statements which are published concerning it."

Mr. Hall Calne,

Author of "The Deemster," "The Manxman," "The Christian," etc., when speaking on "Criticism," recently said:

"When a thing that is advertised is good it goes and goes permanently; when it is bad, it only goes for a while; the public finds it out."

The Proprietor of

BEECHAM'S PILLS

has said over and over again—

"It is a fallacy to imagine that anything will sell just because it is advertised. How many nostrums have been started with glare and clamor and in gloom? The fact is, a man is not easily gulled a second time; and every dissatisfied purchaser does ten times more harm than one satisfied does good. Assuredly the sale of more than 6,000,000 boxes of BEECHAM'S PILLS per annum, after a public trial of half-a-century, is conclusive testimony of their popularity, superiority and proverbial worth."

BEECHAM'S PILLS have so many times been the popular family medicine throughout the English language in spoken and written form, that they are now sold without a trial. In bottles, 10 cents each, and 25 cents each.

LOCAL BOYS TO GO IT ALONE.

Failing to Have Ball League Organized They Will Arrange Their Own Games.

The attempt to organize a Northwest ball league between Seattle, Portland, Astoria and some other place, if a fourth club was felt to be necessary to success, seems to have "dragged itself to death."

The Astoria baseball players have been ready and willing to enter into negotiations for the formation of such a league at any time, providing they were satisfied that the organization so formed would be lasting and would be run on a business basis, but the other cities, whose baseball magnates were so eager and so loud in their declarations of what they wanted to do and what they could and would do in the matter of organizing a league, have not passed the letter-writing period in the matter of negotiations, and so the Astoria boys have about given up all hope of a league being formed.

But the Astoria lovers of the national game have by no means concluded to give up playing ball simply because a league is not formed. On the contrary, they are starting out to arrange games for themselves and this project on their part deserves the hearty support, financially and otherwise, of every lover of amateur sports in this city.

On Sunday next, on the famous A. F. C. diamond, the finest in the state, the Vancouver (Wash.) Browns will meet the team from battery M at Fort Stevens. This game will be of unusual interest from the fact that the battery boys have met the Browns on their own grounds once this season and defeated them. The Browns come to Astoria determined to wipe out the former defeat and even up the score, while the battery boys are equally determined to make it two or nothing, and there still be some excellent ball played in consequence.

The Browns of Vancouver will line up as follows: Catcher, Thomas; first base, Jackson; pitcher, Johnson; second base, Busby; third base, Clemens; short, Howling; left field, Staten; center field, Tamer; right field, Gaston; sub, Miller.

Battery M will put the following team on the diamond in the game: Pitcher, McDermott; catcher, Bays; first base, Davenport; second, Wright; third, Light; short, Tubin; left field, Thompson; center, Mitchell; right, Kenny.

Judging from the game played at Vancouver between the teams, and they have both been strengthened for next Sunday's game, the contest will be warm and close from start to finish and lovers of baseball cannot afford to miss it. Besides it behooves the Astoria boys to give the visitors a "full house" greeting. If the patronage vouchsafed the coming Sunday game warrant the venture, the Astorians will see all of the crack baseball teams in the Northwest on the home diamond before the end of the season, league or no league.

EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT.

Production of "The Spinners' Club" an Unqualified Success.

The production of "Spinners' Fortnightly Club, or Old Maids Made Over," at Fisher's opera house, last night, was one of the brightest and most sparkling entertainments ever given by local talent in this city. The performance went off surprisingly smooth, giving evidence of not only great care in rehearsal but of keen adaptability of the participants to their respective parts and lines.

The performance opened with the twenty lady participants seated in a semi-circle, representing a fortnightly meeting of the Spinners' Club, which is composed of unmarried women of various ages, organized for the purpose of devising ways and means to promote the matrimonial aspirations of the members. Many amusing features were introduced in the way of reports of officers on the pending status and general outlook of the situation, the reports always involving a deplorable shortage of eligible males in the community. There were witty dialogues and many funny hits on well-known young men in this city, while the musical features were excellent and well received. The audience, which was quite large, was kept in an up-ramp from beginning to end.

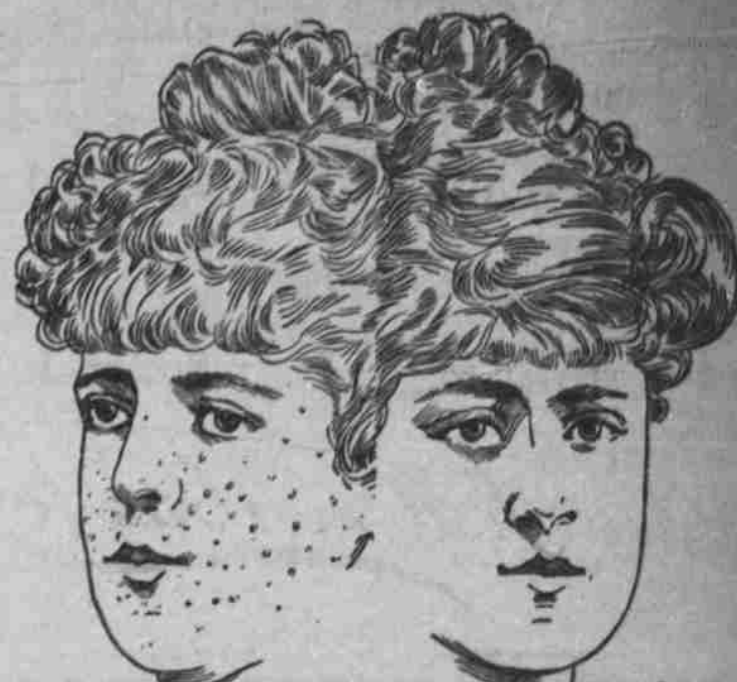
The ladies are much elated over the success of the entertainment. In a financial as well as a social sense, and the proceeds will be of great assistance to the Astoria Public Library, to which they will be contributed.

The following ladies participated in the program: Mrs. N. Troyer, who acted as president of the convention; Mrs. Herman Prael, secretary; Miss Louise Tallant, treasurer; Mesdames C. Houston, J. T. Lighter, H. G. Van Dusen, and the Misses May Uttinger, Sue Elmore, Daisy Stockton, Madge Halstead, Caroline Young, Ruth Garner, Kate Shively, Frances Holden, Lillian Bain, Olga Heilborn, Reba Hobson, Maud Stockton, Lottie Bennett, Nora Nickerson and Margaret Higgins.

WANTED—A DRY DOCK.

An Important Suggestion to the Commercial Bodies and Business Men.

The building of a dry dock, either floating or stationary, at Astoria, is again being urged by ship owners. In these days of improved appliances and machinery, the building of a dry dock here, capable of handling nearly all the craft that enter this port, is no such a formidable undertaking as it was a few years ago. A fair sized dock, with all modern improvements,



BAD COMPLEXIONS, pimples, blotches, blackheads, red, rough, oily, mothy skin, dry, thin, and falling hair with irritated scalp and dandruff, red, rough hands, with itching, burning palms, shapeless nails and painful finger ends, and baby blemishes, prevented by CUTICURA SOAP. It removes the cause of disgusting eruptions, loss of hair, and baby blemishes, viz.: the clogged, irritated, inflamed, or sluggish condition of the PORES. No other medicated soap ever compounded is to be compared with it for preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, scalp, hair, and hands. No other foreign or domestic toilet soap, however expensive, is to be compared with it for all the purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery. Thus it combines in ONE SOAP at ONE PRICE—namely, 25 CENTS—the best skin and complexion soap and the best toilet and the best baby soap in the world. Sold everywhere. POTTER DRUG AND CHEM. CO., Sole Props., Boston, U. S. A. "How to Purify and Beautify the Skin," free.

Complete External and Internal Treatment of Every Humor. CUTICURA. Consisting of Cuticura Soap (25c), to cleanse the skin of crusts and scales and of all the thickened scales, Cuticura Ointment (25c), to soothe and heal itching and inflamed skin, and Cuticura Resolvent (50c), to cool and cleanse the blood. A single set is often sufficient to cure the severest humor when all else fails.

can be constructed in Astoria today, say the engineers, for fully one-third less than a poorer dock in equipment, but the same in size, could have been constructed ten years ago.

As it is today, ships entering the port of Astoria, and compelled to go on the dry dock, must either go to Puget sound or San Francisco and the result is that many a vessel that would clean up and fit out, if there were a dry dock here, makes a return voyage in a foul condition rather than incur the expense and loss of time necessary to go to the Sound or San Francisco for docking. The result is long voyages and, in the case of steamers, a big coal bill.

Again, the "mosquito fleet," in and about Astoria, would furnish many good customers for a dry dock, with beneficial results to local trade. The small vessels cannot afford to make the long trip now necessary to reach a dry dock and the result is they run as long as they can before hauling out on some tide land for repairs and a cleaning. This, again, means permanent damage to the boats, increased fuel bills, slow trips and a general loss all round.

The commercial bodies of the city could do much worse than take up the matter of building a dry dock in Astoria.

With proper encouragement capital can be found for investment in the enterprise of building a dry dock here and there is not a question as to the enterprise, once completed, paying a handsome dividend on the capital invested. As to location, Astoria is unquestionably the only place on the Columbia where a dry dock could be built and operated with profit, and with a little encouragement much needed facility for the merchant marine, at home and from abroad, can be secured.

As suggested, let the chamber of commerce, Push club and other commercial organizations take up the matter. It will cost nothing to investigate and a little investigation may result in much good.

THE PASSION PLAY.

What Is and Where It Originated.—A Remarkable Reproduction.

High up in the mountains of Bavaria, in a beautiful valley, surrounded by towering peaks, and almost inaccessible to the outside world, lies the beautiful village of Ober Ammergau. For many centuries it has been the custom of the villagers to present once in ten years, in the shape of a play, the story of the Savior's life and passion and the crowning acts of crucifixion and resurrection.

So tremendous a hold has this on the minds of these people that it has now become part of the life of each individual. From childhood up, each boy or maiden strives to win the honor of impersonating some one or other of the actors of that awful drama of Palestine. Year after year examinations take place before the older heads of the village, and one by one the various actors are chosen, till at the end of the ninth year the whole number is made up and each part is assigned. Each member of the play is known from then by his stage name and it does not sound strange to the villagers to call one Peter and another John, and the chosen Christus is revered and honored above all others in the village. The marvelous gratitude displayed by the actors also is remarkable, for everything, with the exception of actual crucifixion and resurrection is carried out to the letter. The play is only given once. Several scenes are enacted in one day but the whole production is a matter of weeks. When the curtain finally goes down it does not rise again for ten years, and then on an entirely new cast of characters.

It has happened that one man has played the same part several times, but

could not be very often the case. The actors are taken from the most intelligent of the villagers and each one is required to live as near the life of the man or woman he represents as it is possible for him or her to do so. Any dereliction from this mode of life is punishable by dismissal from the position, and this is such a disgrace that a man may as well leave the community as incur it.

For many years this play was enacted in the presence of the people from the surrounding villages only. It gradually began to be known to the outside world, and an occasional tourist would venture over the mountains to see this wonderful play. It is all played in the open air in a part of the village set apart for this purpose, for as hundreds of people are on the stage in some scenes, it would be impossible for a village of this size to sustain a building sufficiently large to hold them.

In 1890 the last reproduction was given and an enterprising American obtained, after an enormous amount of trouble, permission to take kintoscopic views of the play. These are the views to be shown tonight at the opera house, and Prof. Lawrence Holmes will thoroughly explain each scene as it is presented.

By means of Edison's wonderful invention each scene will be presented in a manner so lifelike that it cannot fail to impress the most skeptical, and to those who realize the wonderful devotion of the simple villagers of the Baecarian mountains it will be a still further revelation of a power undreamed of by the outer world.

TO HAVE A BIG TIME.

Eagles to Roar in Musical Altitudes Tomorrow Afternoon.

The Eagles of Astoria are arranging for a grand good time at their meeting tomorrow afternoon at Odd Fellows' hall. An excellent musical and literary program has been arranged in which local celebrities will participate. The members of the Barlow minstrels company will be present and take part. The following program has been announced:

- 1—Overture.....Orchestra
- 2—Cornet Solo.....Geo. Edwards
- 3—Clarinet Solo.....Geo. Price
- 4—Coon Song.....Wm. Elmer
- 5—Mandolin Selections.....
- 6—Bell Solo.....Leberman and Swops
- 7—Recitation, "Battle of Dundee".....
- 8—Selection.....Orchestra
- 9—Song, "I Wouldn't Leave My Happy Home If I Were You".....
- 10—Composed and sung by Herman Wise
- 11—Cornet and Trombone, "Misericordia".....
- 12—Song.....Geo. Edwards and Jess Chesbro
- 13—Song.....Jas. J. Mackey
- 14—Piano Solo.....Sidney Crespin
- 15—Selection.....Orchestra
- 16—Violin Solo, "The Mocking Bird".....
- 17—Bottle Solo.....Leberman and Swops
- 18—Cornet Duets.....
- 19—Cornet and Trombone, "Misericordia".....
- 20—Cake Walk.....Sydney Crespin and Partner

SEASIDE LODGE MEETING.

All members of Seaside Lodge No. 12 are requested to meet at their hall on Sunday, April 29th, at 12 o'clock m., to attend the funeral of our late brother, Henry Pennell.

JOHN A. MONTGOMERY, Master Workman.

JAY TUTTLE, Recorder.

NOTICE!

All members of Pacific Lodge No. 24, Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W., are hereby notified to meet at their hall, Sunday, April 29th, 1900, at 12 m., sharp, to attend the funeral of Brother Henry Pennell of Seaside Lodge, No. 12, A. O. U. W.

Attest: MARTHA C. DEHNSTADT, F. D. WINTON, Chief of Honor, Recorder.

THE BEE HIVE

MILLINERY

Ladies' Tan Crown Sailors, 60 cents
Roses and Follage.
Children's Trimmed Hats, 50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00

SUITS

Ladies' Cotton Covert Suits, \$1.75 to \$2.25
Wool Suits, \$3.75 to \$10.00

Ladies' Heavy Mercerized Satin Skirts, two ruffles in black and colors, \$2.90

Pulley Belts, 25c, 35c, 50c and 85c
Summer Corsets, 25c, 50c and \$1.00

Children's Tan and Red Shoes, 75c and \$1.00

ASTORIA, OREGON